

Crow's Nest Pass Coal Mines Retain Reputation Of Western Canada's Largest Coal Field

Notwithstanding the growing severity of adverse factors, Southern Alberta's coal mining industry came through 1953 as an important producer of new wealth, its output of approximately two million tons of coal having a minehead value of \$11,500,000.

And, as has been the case for many years, this region accounted for more than a third of Alberta's total coal production and the Crow's Nest Pass coal field has the reputation of being "western Canada's largest and most productive coal field."

During the past year the coal mining industry in Southern Alberta paid out more than \$5,500,000 in wages and salaries to its over 6,000 employees, contributing substantially to the earnings of hundreds of others associated with the transportation and marketing of coal.

Nevertheless, the industry slipped again during the past year—though the ground it lost was not as serious as might have been expected in the face of the major problems besetting the industry in every part of Alberta.



EXPORT
CANADA'S FINEST CIGARETTE

ST. JAMES, MANITOBA. POPULATION INCREASING

ST. JAMES, Man.—Statistical figures released by the National Statistical Bureau of Canada show that the population of St. James at mid year 1953 stood at 20,557, an increase of almost 1,000 over the 1951 census figure of 19,561.

There are about 400 muscles in the human body.

Jane Ashley Says



"Try my favorite recipe for the month"

LEMON PUDDING

1/2 cup granulated sugar
6 tablespoons BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup grated lemon rind
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten

MIX sugar, BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch and salt in top of double boiler. ADD milk slowly; mix until smooth. PLATE over boiling water, cook until thick; stir constantly. REMOVE from heat; pour well-beaten egg yolks slowly; stir constantly. RETURN to double boiler; cook 2 minutes longer, stir well. REMOVE from heat; add juice and rind. FOLD hot mixture slowly into stiffly beaten egg whites. COOL, chill; serve with Custard Sauce. YIELD: 8 servings.

CUSTARD SAUCE

1 tablespoon BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla

COMBINE BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch, sugar and salt in top of double boiler. ADD egg yolks, mix well; stir in milk slowly. PLACE over boiling water, cook until thick (about 5 minutes); stir constantly. COOL, add vanilla; chill. YIELD: 2 1/4 cups.



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Funny and Otherwise

"A cold bath every morning is the best way to make you really athletic."

"I know, I broke my high jump record the first time I stepped into one."

"A girl who was in love with a jockey, but he had a mother to see his finance ride in a race. Mother took up her position near the rails, and when the horses passed past and disappeared, she snapped her fingers like a clapping."

"You can't afford to marry that fellow," she said sadly. "It takes a hour. I told him to look out for me, and when he passed me, he didn't even raise his cap."

The out-gaged farmer stormed into the living room. "Who chopped down that cherry tree?"

His son hung his head and admitted, "I did, sir. I chopped it down with my hatchet."

Whereupon the farmer gave the boy a thrashing.

"But, father," cried the son, "George Washington cut down a cherry tree when he was a boy, too, and when he was born, he was a hero." "I, his father didn't beat him."

"That is quite right," said the father grimly: "But when George Washington chopped down the tree, his father wasn't up it."

"I don't understand why a handsome boy like Donald would marry an ugly woman twenty years his senior."

"When you want bank notes you don't look at the dates!"

A butcher had been rescued by a local fisherman. After artificial respiration had been used for some time he showed signs of life.

A bystander then came forward with a glass of brandy. Eyeing this eagerly, the bather muttered:

"Roll me over and get some more water out first."

"How did you compile your great dictionary?" the lexicographer was asked.

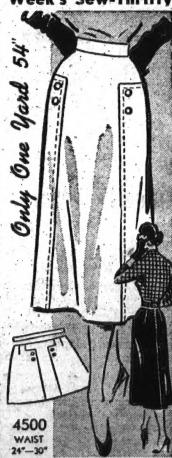
"It was something like having a quarrel with one's wife—one word led to another."

"Is it true that it's good luck for a black cat to follow you?"

"Depends whether you're a man or a mouse."

Fashions

Week's Sew-Thrifty



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The Annual Meeting Of Shareholders The Royal Bank of Canada

Canadian Export Trade, Domestic Living Standard, Endangered by "High Cost Economy". Costs must be Competitive with Foreign Producers, Says President

Flexibility needed to meet new conditions. Time ripe for dollar countries to show good faith by reducing trade barriers and red tape as aid to Britain in making pound convertible."

The tendency to become a high-cost economy in which natural and artificial resources are produced at great expense is a danger to Canada achieving the degree of flexibility and mobility required for orderly adjustment was the main theme of the address of T. H. Atkinson, President of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Royal Bank of Canada. Increased flexibility, he said, he means that if Canada is to make those price adjustments necessary to maintain stability and prosperity at home, and to secure a competitive position in world markets, Canada, he declared, should also further in every possible way the movement towards a world of market economy and trade and convertible currencies.

"A thriving export trade," said Mr. Atkinson, "is a means not only of providing a home for our people through quantity production, lower costs for Canadian goods, whether these are exported or consumed at home, and largely to maintain her standards of living only if she keeps her costs competitive with those of producers abroad."

HIGH COST ECONOMY

"Costs and prices in the Canadian economy are at present in two ways: first, there are business taxes, sales taxes, excise taxes and customs duties which, though for the most part embedded in the cost base. Second, there are certain 'invisible' imports which are largely not reflected in the cost base. Canadian prices even higher relative to foreign prices than the disparity warranted by taxes, duty, or cost of production. For example, a certain British book that retails in the United Kingdom for 28s. at the current rate of exchange is 38s. 6d. in Canada; in New York and \$7.50 in Toronto. A certain piece of British machinery, equivalent retailing at \$41 in the United Kingdom (the equivalent of about \$112 Canadian) brings \$219 in the United States. An American-made article, a household equipment sells for \$77.50 in New England; but the price of the same article in Montreal is \$149.00.

MONETARY MARKET NEEDED

"We must not ignore the fact that the attitude of our government is generally one that favors freedom of international trade and exchange. Freedom for open trade, even when backed by evident hardship on the part of some producer groups, has been sought by almost all countries. Moreover, as I have already said, our monetary authority has adopted a policy appropriate to a nation that must maintain a competitive position in foreign markets. Not the least important aspect of this policy has been the active encouragement of the central bank of a money market in Canada. The Bank of Canada's activities and its co-operation with financial institutions have contributed greatly to great improvement. But today something more is needed. It is time now for the Canadian monetary authorities not only to support the efforts of the central bank, but also to support the efforts of their own inflationary and activist policies in the development of a Canadian money market. Such a market is not only a symbol of economic stability and strength, but is in fact a晴晴 site to continued progress in a country like Canada, whose economic future depends on the expansion of world trade and international trade."

DOLLAR AREA'S ROLE

"We seem nearer to convertibility today than we have been since the imposition of wartime exchange controls throughout most of the world, but the prerequisites to convertibility have not changed. We see the end of the war the world's hope for convertibility has waxed and waned with Britain's exchange reserves. Today with reserves at \$2,520 millions

assures smooth fit.

ULTRAMARINE REWARDS GREAT

"I have emphasised the seriousness of the problems we have to face both in the immediate and in the more distant future. This is not to say that the most important thing but the most abundant faith in our ability as a nation to solve our problems; but I have thought it better to risk some overstatement than to encourage false hopes. The economic policy required to solve these problems will

involve the sacrifice of expediency to sound principles as a number of factors which the change would be very difficult. But the ultimate reward is great: no less in fact than the growth of Canada's trade and economic status, the need to take her place among the great nations of the world."

General Manager Reports Assets Over \$2.8 Billions

T. H. Atkinson, General Manager, in reviewing the bank's 1953 report, stated that the total assets of The Royal Bank of Canada have now reached the impressive total of \$2,895,836,189. This, he said, was a new high mark in Canadian banking history, and is the highest ever reported by any Canadian bank.

Deposits likewise had reached record totals in 1953. They now stand at \$2,794,644,076, an increase of \$207,133,639 over the previous year. "It is encouraging to note," said Mr. Atkinson, "that Canadians generally continue to save a reasonable proportion of their incomes. The increase in deposits of the bank has been distributed among all classes, in the number of accounts on our books. We now conduct over 2,350,000 accounts and it is of interest to note that the number of deposit accounts in Canada has more than doubled since 1942.

Mr. Atkinson reported profits for the year ended March 31, 1953, now stands at \$70,000,000. This, the President noted, was for the first time in bank history equivalent to twice the bank's Paid-in Capital. This year's increase in this fund, he said, had resulted from the transfer to it of not only the net profit of \$10,000,000 but also of \$12,000,000 from the bank's reserves for contingencies.

The bank's programme of branch expansion has been continued during the year. Construction of a new building to house its Calgary business was commenced, and a new building to house its Branch will be underway shortly. 6 new branches and 4 sub-branches were opened in Canada, and 3 branches and 4 sub-branches were opened abroad, bringing the total number of branches up to 93, of which 70 are in the foreign field.

ROYAL BANK ABOARD

Mr. Atkinson dwelt on the growth in the number of bank branches abroad, especially in the West Indies and British Guiana. The bank now operates 66 full-time and 4 subsidiary branches abroad, and has also announced the opening of two additional offices in the Caribbean area.

"Naturally, the volume of our business has increased as the number of branches abroad has increased and private investment; but it is precisely this foreign investment that has provided in good measure for the rapid growth in our resources developed. This is the usual course of events in a rapidly growing country. Not until we have built for ourselves, it is true, can we profit from the unfaltering assumption that our popularity abroad is based not so much on what we are as on what we have."

"Canada is dependent for its future on a healthy flow of goods, services and investment across our borders that have been provided by the maintenance of the favourable opinion abroad by the bank's foreign offices.

"But, if we are not to disappoint our friends abroad and even more important, if we are to profit from the opportunities we have found to temporary problems, and the contribution made to the overall earnings of the bank by the foreign divisions, it always been worth while. It is, therefore, gratifying that I am in a position to report that profits and dividends received have been excellent from our overseas division for the period under review.

"With respect to the general character of our business abroad, we continue our policy of wide distribution of risks and our portfolio of loans and investments is well diversified from the standpoint of liquidity."

PRIDE FOR STAFF

"The past year's business, the biggest in the history of Canadian banking, was on precisely the same foundation as has been the growth of this bank so well ever since its first days. There is little spectacular, or dramatic about it: there is a steady, quiet, but determined growth in the number of offices in the Caribbean area.

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"Wherever we go, we hear from customers—some of them old-established, some new, and some recently arrived from abroad who have been treated by our branch officers. That reputation is an asset beyond calculation, and in behalf of the executive I thank every branch for its part in building it."

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1. Keep stairways clear of boxes, mops, brooms, tools and footwear. Keep stairs well lighted and have stairtreads in contrasting color to floors and landings.
2. Keep small rugs away from head and foot of stairways.
3. Keep matches well out of the reach of children.
4. Keep guns unloaded and ammunition locked up.
5. Do not start stove fires with kerosene or gasoline.

Watch This Space For Further Safety Hints

Jarrow News

Rev. H. W. Inglis will hold service at the church this Sunday January 31 at 3 p.m.

Our congratulations are extended to Mrs. Arthur Overby who was one of the winners in the carrot growing contest sponsored by The Alberta Nurseries at Bowden. She won \$40.00. You'll have to show us how, Alice.

The FUA meeting was put off again due to the severity of Old Man Winter. However, there'll be another try this Saturday night. There should be a break at that time.

Mrs. W. Orachecki, Mr. and Mrs. M. Orachecki and Lyle motored to Camrose Monday to see Mrs. W. Orachecki's sister, Mrs. Gnuis who is seriously ill there.

Bill Belton is hauling gravel on the Govt. highway near High Prairie.

Martin Swigman is working with the Alberta Wheat Pool construction outfit which is at Wainwright.

The Community Club will meet at the hall on Monday, February 1 at 8 p.m.

The school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 1 at 9 p.m. at the school.

Change of dates:—Miss Holmes will not be able to be present at the meeting scheduled at Mrs. M. Orachecki's on Tuesday, Feb. 2, but will be present on Feb. 24. We hope the weatherman is more in our favor by the time that everyone will be able to attend to hear Miss Holmes interesting suggestions and demonstrations.

**Former Irma Boy
RCMP Officer Relates
Coronation Experiences**

Members of Penticton's Rotary Club heard a graphic and highly entertaining account of the Coronation last June, when their speaker at Monday's luncheon was Constable Lloyd Johnston.

This member of the local detachment of the RCMP was among the 46 who were chosen from the force in all parts of Canada to attend the historically significant events of the past in summer overseas and he offered a comprehensive and at times a very vivid survey of the occasion.

I particularly dealt with the preparation and background for the parade and showed the immensely detailed and complex task that had been accomplished apparently, as he put it, without a flaw.

Bishop Clark of Nelson, who tendered a vote of thanks to the speaker, remarked that he had often heard and read earlier descriptions of the Coronation and seen many a film, but our speaker today gave us more of a sense of the background to everything than I have ever yet enjoyed.

Constable Johnston was introduced to his audience by J. S. Atkins.

After the 44 men and two officers had been chosen to make the trip, an intensive period of training ensued. All had had exultation and it was a case of being up every morning at 6 cleaning horses, riding for many hours. All the horses were black and in splendid condition, and were given regular exercise even on the trip across the Atlantic.

The men were on their mettle, according to Const. Johnston. The English are keen horsemen, bound to be intelligent critics and hence the vigorous training was continued throughout May in England.

It had been decided that the Mounties would give their famous musical rides, a thing they were attempting for the first time overseas. So the hard work of preparation was never relaxed.

"But it was all worth it," he said. There was a feeling of pride and satisfaction as a result of the showing on the parade route, and in the precision drills done to music at the White City Stadium just before the Coronation and at Eardis Court Stadium and at the Royal Highland Show at the Royal Highland Show at the Royal Highland Show in Scotland.

As many as twenty rides were presented at Earl's Court Stadium before an estimated 260,000 people and at the end O Canada and The Maple Leaf were played in honor of the RCMP visitors.

Those songs may not mean too much to you here at "home," commented the speaker, "but it's a wonderful thrill to hear them away from home."

Another memorable time was when the Queen herself inspected the troop at Buckingham Palace, spoke to nearly all its members, prior to the presentation of medals.

In the parade itself the Mounties, as Juniors to the various armed service, actually led the Canadian contingent, in keeping with the procedure adopted in a procession and ceremony that was essentially religious in character. This was a point that was clarified by Bishop Clark, when he gave his vote of thanks.

The Coronation itself, of course, was the keynote of everything. You could feel the tension in the air just around two o'clock in the afternoon at the crowning time. There was a deathlike stillness throughout the entire city. Then Westminster chimes and 62 guns boomed from the tower of London started ringing, cheers everywhere. It was a time I'll never forget.

Const. L. Johnston received his high school education in Irma.

**HOME ECONOMIST
NEWSNOTES**

Shirley Hoines, Wainwright.

How Do You Rate as a Fabric Expert?

Did you know that—
For all patterned and especially drop repeat patterns you must allow extra length to take care of matching?

Measurements of furniture and windows are more accurate if you use a yardstick or ruler than a tape measure?

You should add at least 45" to bed measurements when figuring yardage for a bedspread? Sheer curtains should be made with a triple fold of fabric in their heading to allow for let down in case of shrinkage in cleaning?

You can expect quilting to take up about 2" in the length and 2" in the width of a fabric?

Draperies that are tied back should be made 6" longer than the window measurement?

The best way to get a straight cutting line on fabric is to pull a thread and cut along the thread line?

You can expect fabric to shrink about 10 percent when it is dyed?

Selvage may bind or pucker fabrics unless they are clipped diagonally or cut off entirely?

It is smart to buy extra fabric when you are slip covering so that you can replace the arms of chairs which show wear soonest?

Buckram or similar stiffening in the heading or draperies and curtains makes a firm starting point for draping and gives you more graceful folds?

Well made draperies should have a buckram heading from 3 1/2" to 4 1/2" deep?

Curtains won't hang properly unless they are cut and hemmed to conform with the thread of the weave?

Skipped Stitches and Drawn Fabric

If the machine skips stitches or draws the fabric:

Needle is incorrectly set in clamp or needle bar.

Needle is blunt or bent, or too long or too short.

Needle is too fine for thread.

Dust or lint or threads clog working parts or machine. Clean and oil machine regularly to keep it in splendid running condition.

In stitching puckers the material check for:

Blunt needle.

Tight tensions.

Pressure on presser foot—too much or too little.

Changeover in The Firearms Registration

Official headquarters of the RCMP in Ottawa have just announced a changeover in the registration of firearms in accordance with amendments in the Criminal Code of Canada, which has been in effect since January 1, 1952.

Anyone having a registration certificate dated before this time is required to comply with the following instructions, released by the Commissioner of the RCMP:

"The Laws of Canada require that every person, with exception of Wholesalers and Retail Dealers, must register all revolvers, pistols and fully automatic firearms in his possession. This does not include the ordinary type of rifle, shotgun or air gun.

It is also required that any person, with the above exception, wishing to purchase a revolver or pistol or to receive it into his possession by gift, loan, or any other means must first obtain the necessary authority to do so from his local Police Department before receiving the firearm.

In accordance with amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada, a new type of Firearm Registration Certificate has been in effect since January 1, 1952. For the purpose of re-registration on this new type of certificate, registered owners are now requested to forward all copies of Certificates in their possession bearing date of issue prior to 1952 to:

The Commissioner,
RCMP, Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention:
Identification Branch.

In the event that copies of Certificates have become lost or mislaid, it is requested that the registered owner submit the descriptions of the firearms in his possession by letter, quoting the Make of Firearm, Calibre, Serial Number, Number Shots, and Barrel Length."

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"When I joined up and started the nine month navigation course, I thought I had my work cut out for me. I worked hard alright—including nights. But I enjoyed it. Instruction was given on the ground and in the air: one stage at a time and I got my 'Nav' wings.

Now I've taken "radar" too, and fly in a CF-100 Canuck twin-jet. Man, that's a plane!

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TB SEAL FUND

Only \$5,280 is still needed to reach the 1953-54 TB Christmas seal objective for Edmonton and Northern Alberta, it is reported by T. E. Thompson, chairman of the Edmonton Kinsmen Club. TB Christmas seal committee. Mr. Thompson said the committee hopes to reach the \$88,000 objective soon, as every cent is urgently needed to keep up an intensive TB-prevention program in Alberta.

NAVIGATOR BOB KIRKPATRICK, 23, of Vancouver, joined the RCAF in September, 1951—trained and served as a Navigator on the North American B-50 bomber in the Far North—then radar training—and now is a Navigator specialist in the latest fighter, the CF-100. Combat fighter fighter with No. 445 Squadron based at RCAF Station Lethbridge.

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To The Editor

January 12, 1954.

The Editor,
Dear Sir: Long experience has
established that without the co-
operation of the newspapers of
Canada the Christmas Season
would lack much that is vital to
it as a festival of goodwill. No-
where is that more clearly de-
monstrated than in the matters
which concern the Postal Ser-
vice.

As in former years, the Post
Office was taxed to its utmost
in the season just past to cope
with the tidal wave of mail that
descended upon it in the days
preceding Christmas. The flood
could have caused many disloca-
tions but for the timely fore-
warning which the newspapers
published for the guidance of
their readers to mail early.

In many parts of Canada, the
past Christmas brought the hea-
viest mailings the Canadian
Postal Service has ever had to
deal with, and it is gratifying to
record that public co-oper-
ation in early mailing was never
more marked.

Always, of course, there are
exceptions: some congestions did
occur in two or three metropolitan
centres where a wholly un-
precedented last minute avalanche
descended on local staffs,
bringing about conditions that
strained their powers to the limit.
In those places, many people had
ignored the counsel to mail
early, holding back apparently
in the belief that because of the
success of previous mail early
campaigns delivery by Christ-
mas was an assured thing. Ob-
viously there could not fail to be
disappointments which might
well have been averted had the
late mailers taken the advice of
those whose experience of many
years prompted it.

Our own planning, which ex-
tends over many months, the in-
tricate arrangements made long
in advance, the checking and re-
checking, would be of little
avail if the public did not work
with us. For that co-operation
the Post Office staffs are most
grateful. On their behalf, and on
my own, I take this occasion to
express my warmest thanks to
the Press and to the Public at
large, and to extend to all our
very best wishes for 1954.

Yours sincerely,
W. J. Turnbull,
Deputy Postmaster General.

With today's quick-drying
lacquers, developed by the chemical
industry, an automobile
can be finished in hours instead
of the weeks required 30 years
ago.

EDMONTON REPORT

By Donald F. Smith

EDMONTON—Newspaper re-
ports of top-level negotiations
between government and pipe
line company officials give the
impression that there is an aura
of confidence that construction of
a natural gas export pipeline to
Eastern Canada and U.S. cen-
tres will begin this year. Per-
haps that is so. Government of-
ficials certainly have shown
they are anxious to see export
begin as soon as possible.

The two companies seeking
to export gas east have met one of
the requirements set out by pro-
vincial and federal governments
—that of amalgamation. They
now are organizing the internal
aspects of the union, and, no
doubt, lining up their material
for the next hearing before the
Alberta Petroleum and Natural
Gas Conservation Board.

If you remember, the board
early last December reported it
was satisfied that Alberta gas
reserves are sufficient to allow
export, but it was not satisfied
that the companies seeking ex-
port were assured of sufficient
markets in the east nor of a sa-
tisfactory price which would en-
sure adequate payment to Al-
berta producers.

This is the next step the am-
algamated companies must take.
When they feel they are ready
to present their case anew, they
must notify the conservation
board which then will resume
its hearings.

According to reports that may
be early next month, maybe
sooner. In its last report the
board said it would reconvene
"at a date early enough to allow
the board to render a decision
well before the start of the 1954
construction season."

Officials of the two firms,
Trans-Canada Pipe Lines and
Western Pipe Line Co., were in
Edmonton last week presumably
discussing plans for the
board hearings. Also in the capital
were Ontario provincial officials.
They met at the weekend with
Premier Manning to discuss
the supply and export
situation in general, probably in
an attempt to assess what Al-
berta can offer the east in the
way of a long and uninterrupted
supply of gas.

Export to Ontario and Quebec
is being considered from differ-
ent aspects. Alberta gas must
be sold there at a price competi-
tive with the price of gas from
the U.S., coal and, probably
most of all, fuel oil, which is
used extensively in eastern Ca-
nada.

Meanwhile, the Saskatchewan

government has announced it
expects to be in the business of
exporting natural gas. The
search for gas, the government
here believes, will be stepped
up when construction of the pro-
posed line from Alberta begins.
The province has reserves esti-
mated at one trillion cubic feet,
compared with the estimated
11.5 trillion for Alberta.

Incidentally, the massive re-
port made in December by Al-
berta's conservation board is
being printed by popular de-
mand. So many requests were
received for copies of the report
that a printing order was placed
with the Queen's Printer.

Price per copy: \$1.00.

Farmers' marketing of wheat
in the first four months of the
1953 crop year were down 14
per cent from the corresponding
period of 1952, according to statis-
tics compiled by the bureau of
statistics of the Alberta depart-
ment of industries and labour.
The four-month period ended
December 2.

The total country elevator and
platform loadings was 47,714,-
000 bushels of wheat. In the first
four months of the 1953 crop
year the total was 54,676,000

bushels.

Marketing of other grains
were off 30 per cent at a total
of 28,144,000 compared with 40,-
224,000 in the fourth period
of 1952. Down about 40
per cent were barley and rye
marketing, with barley totalling
14,401,000 and rye, 1,352,000.
There were 11,040,000 bushels
of oats marketed, a decrease of
14 per cent from the year be-
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According to reports that may
be early next month, maybe
sooner. In its last report the
board said it would reconvene
"at a date early enough to allow
the board to render a decision
well before the start of the 1954
construction season."

Officials of the two firms,
Trans-Canada Pipe Lines and
Western Pipe Line Co., were in
Edmonton last week presumably
discussing plans for the
board hearings. Also in the capital
were Ontario provincial officials.
They met at the weekend with
Premier Manning to discuss
the supply and export
situation in general, probably in
an attempt to assess what Al-
berta can offer the east in the
way of a long and uninterrupted
supply of gas.

Meanwhile, the Saskatchewan

Billy Rose Rink Win Major Prize in Viking's Annual Frig Bonspiel

(From The Viking News)

The fifth annual Frig Bon-
spiel ended Saturday evening
just as successful from every
standpoint as any previous.

The Billy Rose rink from
Sedgewick that has attended
all the frig bonspiels here
came out victorious for the
third time when they won
over the Viking rink skip-
ped by the veteran curler
Jack Slavik, by the score of
9 to 6, and copper the main
prize of four genuine deep
freezers.

The game held the interest of
the crowded rink until the end.
In spite of the cold weather the
two rinks put up one of the best
frig bonspiel games seen here
since the Cumberland rink of
Sedgewick won the four frig bonspiel
ever held in Canada. The Viking
Curling Club annual Frig-classic
has become and will continue to
be one of the main curling events
in the three western provinces.
It derives support from the
best towns and cities this
far west and in curling interest
it doesn't take second place to
the Edmonton or Nipawin spiels.
For your information the Ed-
montonspiel this year is featuring
four refrigerators as the top
prize!

Speaking of the final game
Saturday, the score was as fol-
lows:

SLAVIK 012 000 010 20X-6
ROSE 000 112 100 01X-9

FRIG BONSPIEL NOTES

The 12 rinks qualifying in the
knocked-out playoff competition
for the deep freeze home freezers
were Billy Rose, Sedgewick; R.
Cooper, Sedgewick; Gerry Rice,
Edmonton; Russell Smith, Kil-
lam; Hilkir, Ribstone; D. Cook-
man, Lougheed; Jack Slavik,
Lumir Dobry and Cecil Runyon,
Viking.

FIRST DRAW OF PLAYOFF

Friday, 8 p.m.

Loades, Irma, def. Runyon,
Viking.

Rice, Edmonton, def. Smith,
Kilam.

Slavik, Viking, def. Hilkir,
Ribstone.

Cooper, Sedgewick, def. Fos-
sen, Foresburg.

SECOND DRAW OF PLAYOFF

Saturday, 11 a.m.

Slavik def. Cooper (13 ends).

Rose def. Currah.

Dobry def. Cookson (13 ends).

Rice def. Loades.

SEMI-FINAL PLAYOFF

Saturday, 2 p.m.

Rose def. Dobry (13 ends).

Slavik def. Rice.

FINAL PLAYOFF

Saturday, 8 p.m.

Rose defeated Slavik.

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Many Alberta Oldtimers Remember Charlie Blazier

When the folks around Brooks, Alberta, get talking about Charlie Blazier, it is with the respect people accord the memory of a man they liked. And somehow it is tinged with that old sense of acquaintanceship which would associate with the days when a man who was a marksman made his own way on the range or in the timber, bothering no one and asking none for help, was just a notch above his fellow men who made his way in the world by staying behind a counter.

Or maybe that's just because Charles Blazier was one of a breed now dead. In these parts at least. He was an old coyote hunter. Hundred bucks a head bounty the way they paid for antelope men. In 1909 all over the continent and in travelling shows there are antelope today that trace their ancestors back to the Brooks country.

Blazier drifted into the Brooks area around 1892. In fact John Ede, who has been around here so long he can remember going to school in Calgary in 1896, first remembers seeing Blazier in 1902 or thereabouts. Maybe it was a year or two earlier or the other. Blazier came in from Montana. Not that it matters.

He'd come originally from Michigan where he furnished lumber camps with deer meat. Man had to do a heap a-shooting to hold a job like that. And Blazier had

brought his shooting eye with him. Alberta at that time was pestered by wolves. The stockmen were worried over their losses and around Brooks they banded together and offered \$100 a head to the other satty.

"She's engaged," he replied. "Well, what's wrong about that?"

"She is a blonde and a brunnette."

"She's bald."

The queen in the post office was getting longer and longer. At its head—beneath the grille with the "Pensions" label—an old woman was taking her turn. She was in her handbag, brought out of it one after another article and laid them on the counter. They made an imposing collection.

The pension book still hadn't come to light, but a little old man with a soldierly look about him could stand it no longer. "Hurry up, Ma," he called out. "This is a pay place, not a kit inspection."

Tommy was in the stable, and when he returned home he was questioned in detail about his behaviour.

"Well," said his mother, "I'm glad you didn't take a second helping of cake."

"I didn't take second helpings now," Tommy said, wise in the way of parties. "I take two pieces the first time the plate is handed round."

A guest at a dinner party, arriving late, found a seat reserved for him near the head of the table, where a goose was being carved.

"Ah," he exclaimed, "so I'm to sit next to the goose." There, observing the lady on his left, he made haste to amend an awkward phrase.

"I mean the roasted one, of course," he said.

A man was ordering a new suit. His tailor, however, told him it would not be ready for six weeks.

"Six weeks!" cried the customer. "Why the whole world was created in six days."

"True," said the tailor. "But have you taken a good look at it lately?"

In the office of the manager of a large department store a woman customer was complaining.

"I can't understand," she said, "why your shopkeeper had to be so unreasonable. I asked him a simple question, but when he answered, he wanted to know where I came from. Why must he know that?"

"What question did you ask him?" the manager inquired.

"Just a plain, simple question. I simply said, 'Is this the second turn to the right?'"

A woman was in the midst of legal proceedings in a court of law. She had to endure what looked like a long hearing.

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Patricia, a young doctor, didn't you think it would be a good idea if I packed up and went to a place where the climate is warmer?"

Doctor: "Hang it all! That's the very thing I've been trying to prevent!"

Two recruits were pegging down a tent; one was holding the pegs for the other to hit. Attempting to give him a hefty blow, the man with the mallet slipped and caught the other a heavy blow on the head.

Rising, the man with the bump whispered to the other: "Don't muck about. The sergeant's watching us."

He was screwing up his courage to propose to the woman of his choice, but was at a loss for appropriate words. At last he managed to stammer, "Will you help me spend my salary?"

"Why, of course," she replied brightly.

"I mean for ever," he continued.

"Oh, it won't last as long as that," she assured him with a smile.

Funny and Otherwise

"How do you like your hair cut?" asked the barber. And the tired customer replied, "Off."

The prospective father-in-law was interviewing his daughter's young man.

"And what are your prospects?" he inquired.

"Oh, pretty good! Unless your daughter's misled me, she was the best."

When Robinson walked into his friend's office he found him looking very depressed. "What's the trouble?" he asked.

"Oh, just me," replied the other satty. "She's engaged in a new secretary for me."

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Prospects Are That Good Times Will Continue In '54

Prospects for 1954 are that the generally firm trend of economic activity during 1953 will continue without serious interruption. Consumer purchases, which showed a significant increase early in 1953, are being maintained. Though exports declined somewhat in the early months of 1953 they improved later and held to levels of the comparable period of 1952. Continuing firm demand for agricultural products in the domestic market can be expected.

Total supplies of Canadian feed grain for 1954 are only slightly below last year's crop. Decreases in production in overseas markets have undergone some adjustment but generally seem to be firmly based.

The demand for farm workers during 1954 is expected to be about the same as in 1953 and farm labor supply and demand to be fairly balanced.

Basic food supplies, such as meat, fertilizers, pesticides, twine and bags are expected to be ample during 1954 with prices about the same as those of 1953. Ammonium nitrate is the only major food supply, but other nitrogen sources are available.

The trend toward the increased use of higher analysis fertilizers is expected to continue.

World production of wheat during the 1953-54 crop year is forecast at about four per cent below the 1952-53 record of 7.3 billion bushels. Based on the current world wheat situation is the fact that Canadian farmers have harvested a total of 1.855 million bushels of wheat in the past three years, an average of 618 million bushels per year. This is nearly the same as the prewar (1935-39) average production of 312 million bushels.

Ponoka, Alberta, Theatres Sold

J. Purnell and Sons, operators of theatres at Lacombe and Red Deer, will take over active operation of the two theatres at Ponoka as well as the Ponoka Drive-In Theatre, it was announced this week.

The Lacombe theatre operators purchased H. Labrie's theatres in Ponoka outright, and will take over active ownership on April 1 of next year. — The Wetaskiwin Times.

duction as in 1953. Indications are that during 1954 there will be a continuing strong domestic market for eggs and poultry with an increase in consumption comparable to the increase in population and an increase in consumption of poultry greater than the relative population.

The outlook for 1954 is for a slight increase in the production of apples and pears and for a moderate increase in the production of apricots, cherries, pears, plums and prunes and strawberries. This forecast is contingent on weather and factors such as insect and disease.

Combined production of Registered and Certified cereal, flax, corn, bean, pea and soybean seeds in 1953 was a little larger than in 1952. Production of wheat was the highest in a number of years and that of soybeans was the largest ever recorded. Supplies are adequate for domestic needs.

Seed supplies of alfalfa, alsike, red and sweet clover will be more than adequate for domestic needs in 1954, with the possible exception of double cut or early type of red clover. Any shortage of these kinds could easily be met by a greater use of other kinds such as alsike, alfalfa and timothy.



THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

General Statement

30th November, 1953

ASSETS

Notes of and deposits with Bank of Canada	\$ 226,402,343.82
Other cash and bank balances	181,033,444.16
Notes of and cheques on other banks	193,484,323.76
Government and other public securities, not exceeding market value	972,141,264.96
Other bonds and stocks, not exceeding market value	101,301,756.80
Call and short loans, fully secured	149,280,473.79
Total quick assets	\$ 1,823,643,607.29

Other loans and discounts, after full provision for bad and doubtful debts	994,865,750.13
Bank premises	20,871,991.94
Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit	51,213,786.75
Other assets	5,261,053.05
\$2,895,856,189.16	

LIABILITIES

Notes in circulation	\$ 83,335.04
Deposits	2,734,644,076.93
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding	51,213,786.75
Other liabilities	1,615,814.82
Total liabilities to the public	\$2,787,557,013.54

Capital	35,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	70,000,000.00
Dividends payable	1,783,800.83
Balance of Profit and Loss Account	1,515,374.79

\$2,895,856,189.16

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1953, after making appropriations to Contingency Reserves, out of which full provision for bad and doubtful debts has been made	\$ 18,952,608.56
Provision for depreciation of bank premises	1,365,472.39
\$17,587,136.17	
Dividends at the rate of \$1.20 per share	4,200,000.00
Extra distribution at the rate of 20¢ per share	700,000.00
\$ 4,900,000.00	
Amount carried forward	\$ 3,735,136.17
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 29th November, 1952	780,238.62
\$ 4,515,374.79	
Transferred to Reserve Fund	3,000,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1953	\$ 1,515,374.79

JAMES MUIR,
President

T. H. ATKINSON,
General Manager



OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY —

Romance Is For Ever

By M. J. Collins

AUNT MARTHA was so mad she felt like sitting down and having a good cry. It was all Joe's fault. You see, she couldn't see an inch beyond his nose. Sunday was their golden wedding anniversary. Heavens to Betsy! She'd dropped enough hints, All the plans she'd made. Now that was a nice quiet time. Sunday and she were going to say a word. When she phoned Jeanne to come over with the family, Jeanne had excused themselves by telling her, that they were already invited.

She looked out the kitchen window. Uncle was just getting his garden ready for planting. Spring was late this year. Aunt Martha remembered that morning fifty years ago; the apple trees had been a mass of white and pink bloom. She had been so young then. Knocked up, she was positive everyone in the church could hear them. Joe's knees knocked, too. She could feel them as he stood beside her. He smiled, almost grinned at her, and they'd both felt better. How foolish now, again.

"High! Romantic!" she exclaimed. She remembered something Joe had been twirling her about her old fur coat only last week. "Guess I'll have to shoot a couple of rabbits and make a new one for you," he told her. "Why he's still the same, just like the old rascal. He was just as romantic as ever. She turned away from the window, her face wreathed in smiles. A far coat. Now where would he hide anything? She took out of the house, she was sure of that. Next she would ice the cake while he was outside, then Uncle was there and he had hidden the coat.

Joe came stamping into the kitchen, scattering dirt all over his clean floor. Aunt Martha had never time to whip the party iced cake into the pantry out of sight...

"Out of matches," Joe grumbled, reaching for the box and taking a handful. "I don't know what kind of toads they grow now-a-days. Out of all the spravins' they do. Maybe I should get me a new cornbox."

Aunt Martha wrinkled up her nose. "That would be an act of cruelty," she said with evident disbelief.

"What's wrong with it?" he demanded. "Why, a good cleanin' and I'll get years of use out of her. He knocked the bottle into the stove. Aunt Martha had to dash hurry up. Filling the pipe bowl, he tamped it home and got it drawing well before he made a move." "Well, better get back to work." As he was going out, he said something about women not appreciating the finer things

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THE TILLERS



By Les Carroll

Unusual Gate Posts At Farm Entrance Near Rycroft, Alta.



Photo courtesy of Herald-Tribune, Grande Prairie

—Gen Knezevich atop unique farm gate post

A few miles south and east of Rycroft, Alberta, two oddly shaped trees stand at the entrance to a farm overlooking a spruce-studded valley.

These gate posts represent a lot of work for Jerry Knezevich and family.

It was about six months ago that Jerry was walking through the spruce fringing the stream that slides through the valley on one corner of his farm.

His eye was caught by a towering m'shaped tree with huge knarls running up and down the trunk.

ZEALANDIA FARMER WINS OAT CHAMPIONSHIP

James Farquharson, of Zealandia, won the Oat Championship at the Provincial Fair in Brandon, Manitoba recently with a sample of Rodney Oats weighing over 44 lbs. to the bushel. He received a \$25 cheque from the United Grain Growers besides winning the trophy. Rodney Oats had not been developed and released for sale this year. Albert Kessel won 2nd prize with his Antelope Rye, also a newly released variety of Fall Rye. His Thatcher wheat which won 8th at the Saskatoon show, was 3rd at Brandon. His rye which was placed 2nd at Toronto and disqualified at Chicago for some reason was kept back at Chicago and Kessel stated he did not have time to prepare a new sample in time for the Saskatoon Show. He will exhibit a new sample of Montreal barley at the Winter Fair held in Marcell at Brandon, Man.

CATTLE POPULATION

The total Canadian cattle population, including beef and dairy, reached 10 million head by next June. Two copies of the "Cattle Remodeling Packet" which includes the sink pattern, send \$1.50 with your order.

DRAWER CABINET PATTERN 323



This cabinet with a swing-around shelves fits into a corner of the kitchen. No more searching for pots and pans in the dark when you install this swing-around cabinet. Open the side doors and whole shelf swings around into view. No more waste space when counters along two walls join at the corner. Dimensions on the pattern are variable to fit existing conditions in a used house as well as in a new house. The price of the swing-around cabinet No. 323 in the sketch is \$15.00. Send \$1.50 with Remodeling Packet at \$1.50. Both packet and the corner pattern will be postpaid for \$1.55. Please print name and address and patterns will be mailed the day your order is received.

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Manitoba No. 3 Highway Surveyed For Reconstruction

CARMAN, Man.—A survey crew of the Manitoba Department of Public Works has been at work recently on the section of No. 3 Highway between Carman and Morden. Reconstruction of this part of No. 3 is expected to be on the program for this summer. This apparently settles the long-debated question as to the permanent route of the highway from Carman south. At a meeting at Roland last summer representatives of various districts interested in the highway route unanimously agreed that the location of the highway should not be changed and urged the government to have it reconstructed on the present location as soon as possible.

Sexsmith Citizens Vote Overwhelmingly For Water, Sewer

SEXSMITH, Alta.—In the largest turnout of voters on a single question in village history, Sexsmith ratepayers voted overwhelmingly in favor of the installation of a sewer and water system.

Fifty-nine voted in favor of the bylaw and twenty against.

The affirmative vote meant that the last hurdle had been surmounted in a two-year effort to bring sewer and water to the village. Construction will likely get underway in the spring.

NERVOUS COYOTES?

FORT MACLEOD, Alta.—Residents of the McBride Lake district were surprised to see some 50 marmot ducks walking on the ice of the lake. A marmot duck, which looks like a coyote, apparently fearful of chasing the ducks over the ice.

Today is yesterday's pup.

IN SASKATCHEWAN

5,600 Acres Seeded For Forage In '53

REGINA.—Acres seeded to forage in 1953 by the provincial government's agricultural development branch exceed 5,600, says A. Arnot, director of the branch, and today, this brings the total forage crop seedings in the last five years to about 40,000 acres.

The greatest amount of seed on individual projects was done at the new irrigation project at near Cudah, where 1,250 acres were seeded, and at the Mortlach forage project west of Moose Jaw where 1,243 acres were seeded. The Mortlach area produced well over 1,000 tons of fodder this year, and with two years ago was mostly drilling seed.

The Spangler irrigation project in the southwest corner of the province produced 1,000 tons of hay this year; 890 acres are now seeded to forage crops. At Virdor, irrigation project activities are now seeded to forage and will come into production soon, while 620 acres were seeded to forage crops by the C and D branch this year in the Mayronne reclamation project southwest of Moose Jaw.

Other projects where acreages were seeded to forage crops by the government include East Springs, southwest of Swift Current; Maple Bush, south of Elbow; Souris in the southeast; French Coules near Kindersley and French Flats south of Saskatoon.

The opossum's habit of "playing dead" is a nervous reaction over which the animal himself has no control, the heartbeat being slowed sharply.

The tapir of the tropical countries is closely allied to the horses and rhinoceros.

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Butterscotch-Pecan Cookies

Grease cookie sheets. Preheat oven to 350° (moderate). Mix and sift twice $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. once-sifted pastry flour (or $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. once-sifted all-purpose flour), 2 tsps. Magic Baking Powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt. Cream $\frac{3}{4}$ c. butter or margarine and $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar. Add $2\frac{1}{2}$ well-beaten eggs part at a time, beating well after each addition; add $\frac{1}{2}$ c. $\frac{3}{4}$ c. chopped pecans. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture part at a time, combining thoroughly after each addition. Drop dough by spoonfuls, well apart, on prepared cookie sheets; flatten with the floured fingers of a fork. Bake in pre-heated oven 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from pan immediately. Yield—6 dozen cookies.

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